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VEN DEEP IN THE JUNGLE THE RED'S TENTACLES HAD PENE-TRATED, AND NYOKA, THE JUNGLE GIRL, HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO CARRY THEIR TERRIBLE SECRET DOCUMENTS TO THE AUTHORITIES, WHILE SPIES LURKED ON EVERY HAND TO PLAN HER...

JUNGLE AMBUSH







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TRAVELING IN A WIDE ARC. NYOKA MADE HER WAY THROUGH THE BLACKHESS OF THE NIGHT MORE BY SENSE THAN SIGHT...



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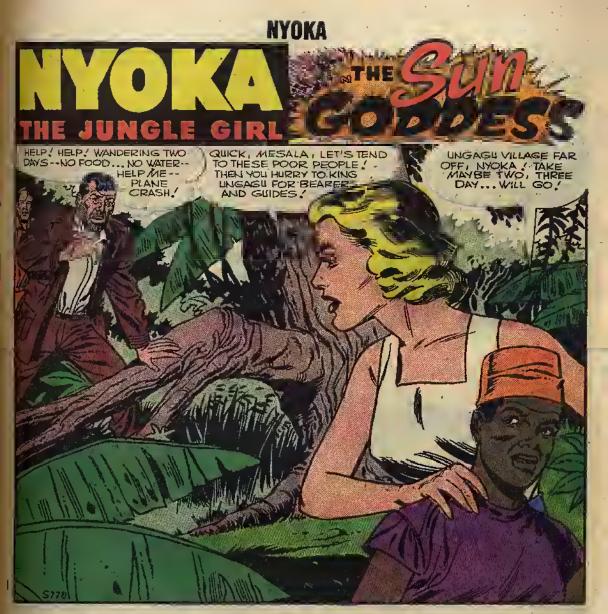












NYOKA HUNTED FOOD, AND NURSED THE FIVE SICK PEOPLE, WHILE MESALA RAN FOR HELP.



A SINGLE DAY'S REST, AND NYOKA'S CON-STANT CARE WORKED WONDERS...











NYOKA SAW THAT THERE WAS LITTLE USE PROTESTING, SO A VOTE WAS TAKEN ... AND ...



BUT THE NEXT MORNING, BEFORE DAWN ..

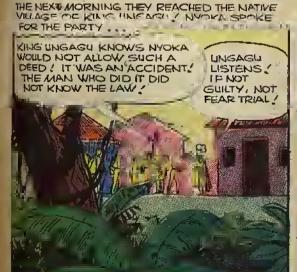














THE MORNING SUN BEAT UNMERCI-FULLY FROM A CLOUD-LESS SKY

LESS SKY, AS THE PARTY AWAITED ITS DOOM...











NYOKA HAD REMEMBERED FROM OBSERVA-TIONS PAST THAT AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN WAS SOON DUE ! RANCH'S BULLETIN HAD GIVEN THE EXACT TIME ...















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From Bortogo to Porto Bella is normally a a four day run by the only river baat on the Machita River. Captain Jose Manolo runs the boat which he calls Tardo.

"It never arrives on time; it never leaves on time, and nobody oboard ever has the correct time," is the way he ance phrased it.

At least twice a month his boiler blows up. No damage is everydone to the ship nor to the possengers. It merely delays the schedule a day or so. On this porticular warm day, his boat only hod one passenger. So that made a total of five , including the captoin and his crew of four. Captoin Jose Manolo smiled as he watched his passenger sitting on a deck choir quite warm and uncomfortable.

"Senhor Peterson," advised the coptain, "please listen to me. Remove your coat. The thermometer shows the temperature to be about 92 degrees. Believe me, the thermometer is broken. It has been that way for the past year. Some day I will buy a new thermometer. It is probably about one hundred and twenty in the shode. Alas, we have no shade. Please remove your coat."

The American shook his head in the negative. He wiped the perspiration again from his farehead. Somehow he was wondering why he had ever left his comfortable office in New York. But in his heart he knew the answer: A ten thousand dollar fee! And five thousand more if he brought John Cortella bock with him.

Ships navigating the Machita River generally stoy near the shareline to avaid the strongest currents. Hence one gets the impression offloating through the very heart of the mysterious jungle. There were strange aquatic and jungle birds on the shore. Lianas hanging from the branches of gigantic trees formed o dense network. But none of this saw the eyes of the tired private detective. This time the coptain decided to come right to the paint.

"Please remove your coat, Senhar Peterson. I know you are corrying a revalver in a holster. The authorities have given you permission to carry your gun with you. Also the handcuffs in your pocket. There are no secrets here where the jungle almost closes in on all of us. Perhaps even the alligators know the reoson why you ore here. To find John Cortella."

There was definitely a look of surprise upon the American who prided himself an his obility to conceol his thoughts and feelings. He apened his mouth to say something but didn't get much of a chance. The captain continued to speak.

"So take aff your coat and come into my cabin. I have a surprise for you."

This time the American detective fallowed the advice. He even removed his tie and opened his collar. Then he followed the coptoin into the cobin. On the wall was a picture of the jungle. It seemed so lifelike that you almost wanted to tauch the gigontic trees. Frank Peterson was no art expert. Just an ordinary fellow who mode o living as a private detective, but he could not help admiring the picture.

"John Cortella painted it," soid the captoin with pride in his voice. "He gove it to me as a present. I bring him supplies, and take some af his pictures out with me. That is probably how you in the states knew he was alive. In France and in Mexico they will pay olmost any price

for one of his pictures, and you want to take him back with you. Why?"

There was something between a menace and o threat in that one word question. Frank Peterson wanted to tell the captain to mind his own business, but he hesitated and common sense won.

"I reolly don't know, and this is the truth, Coptoin Manolo. I carry a sealed letter with me for him. If he were wanted for a crime, there would have been extradition papers, and I am only a private detective."

The captain left his cabin followed by his one and only passenger. He bent over the boat and looked at the hungry alligators. Then he

spoke slowly.

thot you get to him. You do not realize what this means. He lives among the Paracina Indians. They live their own lives as they have for centuries. They wish no contact with the outside world. Yet they have permitted one monon ortist to live with them and paint. Somehow he has convinced them to permit you to travel into their territory. I hope you enjoy it."

The rest of the trip was uneventful until the boat docked at Porto Bello. The cargo had been unloaded when an explosion took place. Cop-

toin Manolo sighed.

"My poor boiler. So again we will have to repair the faithful and old boiler. Some day I shall get a new one, but by that time they will have oir cargo here. Perhaps we will then erect a monument to the boiler. Who knaws?"

Frank Peterson remoin at Porto Bello for two doys. A long dugout manned by ten powerful natives came olongside the dock. The supplies for John Cortello were then transferred to the boot. There was room for one passenger near the bock of the boot.

"They are waiting for you, Senhor Peterson," smiled the captain. "Have no fear. You will be

sofe. At leost, I hope."

Almost hesitotingly, the detective stepped into the boat and then sat down on o rude seat. The powerful orms of the natives made the paddles almost sing in rhythm. The boat was on its woy. In an hour it was headed into a weed covered possage. At night the natives stopped, and headed for shore. The boat was turned over ond they rested with their heads against the side of the boot. They handed some food to fronk Peterson, but he was too scared to eat it.

"Well, are you going to starve?" demanded o notive. "Don't be a fool. You better eat now."

"You speak English?" was the question. Then followed, "who are you?"

"John Cortella himself," was the unexpected reply. "After all I should be oble to do a per-

fect job of disguising myself since I am an artist. I sorty of enjoy it. So relax. You will be at the native village by tomorrow noon."

The sun was high in the sky when the boat reached its destination. John Cortella took the detective to a small hut which he used as his quarters and his studio. There was a variety of pictures hung on the woll. All were of the jungle and of the natives.

For the rest of the week, Frank Peterson watched the artist point. The notives were willing models, and it was evident they liked his work. On Monday morning, the detective gave the artist the sealed letter. John Cortella opened it, read the contents, and then burned the letter.

"You want me to come back with you?" he asked. "If I did, you probably would want to come back with me here. So nice and peaceful. Once you know the jungle and its people, you

like it."

One box of supplies was opened, and Frank Peterson was a bit puzzled.

"All those medicines are the latest biotics."

Where's the doctor?"

"I am olso the doctor," replied Cortello. "My aunt wanted me to study medicine. Which I did, but I wonted to paint. Which I am doing. Yet these notives do need medical care. With more money I could purchase more things to help them. My aunt disinherited me when I came here."

At the end of the month, John Cortella mode a simple announcement.

"I am going back with you. We leave tomorrow morning."

Four months had possed and Frank Peterson was definitely an unhoppy man. Jim Slavery, who worked with him in the office, spoke.

"You can't get the jungle out of your mind. So go back to it. What hoppened to that Cortella fellow?"

As though in answer, the door of the office opened, and in walked the artist himself. He threw two tickets down on the desk in front of the detective.

"The plane leaves tomorrow morning for Brazil. I am returning to the jungle. Come on with me. As my friend you can help me do a lot for the natives, and in helping others you will find real happiness for yourself."

"I will go with you, provided you tell me why you come back here?" snopped the detec-

tive.

"My aunt saw one of my pictures in a museum. So she remade her will and left me her fortune. She died last year and you were looking for the heir-myself! Why she liked the picture! called Jungle Doctor will always be a mystery."

THE END

THE JUNGLE GIRL

HERE WEREN'T MANY WHITE VISITORS
PASSING THROUGH NYOKA'S VILLAGEAND WHEN THEY 'D PAUSED FOR SUPPLIES,
SHE'D ALWAYS EXPECT TO SEE THEM
AGAIN AS THEY FOUND THEIR WAY BACK!
BUT, FOR MANY MONTHS, THEY NEVER
REAPPEARED! AND THEN NYOKA LEARNED THAT THEY HAD ALL BEEN SEEKINGTHE VALLEY OF SHINING STONES! A
VALLEY THAT SWALLOWED ITS GUESTS
FOR EVER!

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WALLEY OF THE LOST!



NYOKA'S GIFT STORE A ZAW LAST STOPPING PLACE FOR EVERY EXPEDI-HOIT AND HUNTER ON " HIS YAW INTO KENYA.



PROFESSORS WHO SOUGHT RELICS...







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DIBOIS DISAPPEARED INSIDE ... AND SUDDENLY THE GROUND ROCKED AS DUBOIS' TRAP...SET FOR THE OTHERS... TRAPPED HIMSELE ...







JUNGLE DOCTOR

in PRUMS OF KAWA

THE DRUMS OF KAWA, THE WHITE GOD,
BEAT A SONOROUS WARNING, BUT DAMAR
DID NOT KNOW THE WARNING WAS FOR
HIM, UNTIL ARRIVING AT HIS DESTINATION, HE FOUND KAWA'S SPELL OF
MAGIC ALREADY SOUNDING THE GONG
OF DOOM...



DANAR HAD SPENT SOME TIME IN THE VILLAGE OF CHIEF ZULBAR! NOW HE WAS LEAVING ...



WITH HIS TWO GOOD FRIENDS, TIMMY AND GEORGE, DAMAR MADE HIS WAY THROUGH THE JUNGLE ...





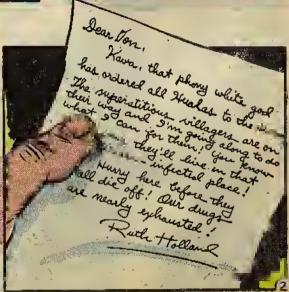
LATER THAT DAY, THE THREE MEN REACH-



















PANAR EXPLAINED TO CHIEF ZULBAR WHAT HAD HAPPENED! THE CHIEF GATHERED HIS WARRIORS AND SET OFF WITH PANAR ...





THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, THE DRUMS BOOMED -- GROWING LOUDER AND LOUDER ...



THE FOLLOWING MORNING ...











SUDDENLY FROM THE JUNGLE CAME MANY B'JUANOS ...



SUDDENLY CHIEF ZULBAR AND HIS MEN STREAMED FROM THE HUTS...





BUT LATER, AFTER THE RETURN OF THE HUALAS TO THEIR VILLAGE, RUTH HOLLAND TOOK PANAR TO A HILL AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE.

THE HUALAS TOLD
ME OF THESE
SACRED IDOLS!
BANKMAN LEARNED ABOUT THEM
AND ALMOST GOT
THEM! MELTED
DOWN, THEY'RE
WORTH A FOK-

BANKMAN'S
OWN GREED
CAUGHT UP
WITH HIM
WELL, SO
IT IS WITH
ALL SELFISH
PEOPLE



THE JUNGLE GIRL

NYOKA AND

IN THE ORPHAN

ONE OF THE MOST SAVAGE DENIZENS IN THE JUNGLE IS THE ENRAGED, FULL-GROWN GORILLA -BUT A BABY GORILLA IS ALMOST HUMAN AND LOVABLE IN ITS HELPLESSNESS / AT LEAST THE ONE NYOKA ADOPTED WAS ! BUT THE PARENTS ARE A LITTLE TOUCKY ABOUT THEIR OFFSPRING ...











THE BABY GORILLA FINISHED HIS MILK AND SLEPT! SUDDENLY, THEY HEARD THE DRUM-MING ROAR OF AN ENRAGED GORILLA POUND-ING ON HIS CHEST...







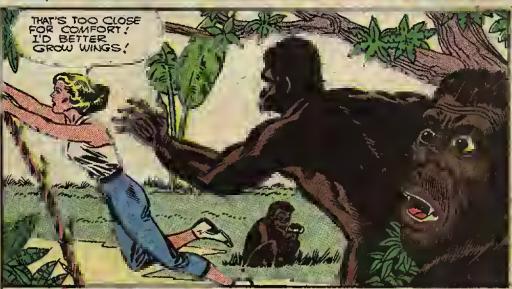




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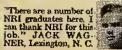


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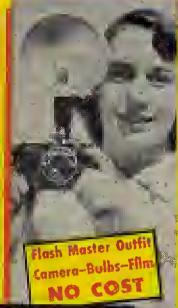
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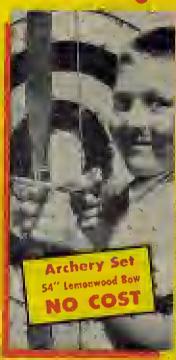
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